

**City General Purpose Recipient, Major Donor  
And Independent Expenditure Committees – Q&A**

**2006 Elections**

*Q: If a major donor/independent expenditure committee filed a statement by July 31 covering the first six months of the year and makes no other contributions or independent expenditures during the second six months of the year, must it file a semi-annual statement by January 31?*

A: No.

*Q: Must a committee file a pre-election report if it makes contributions to other general purpose committees, or is the report required only if contributions are made to candidates or ballot measure committees being voted on in the city election?*

A: A pre-election report is required if the committee makes contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$500 or more to support or oppose **any** candidates, ballot measures, or committees during the pre-election reporting period.

*Q: Must a state major donor/independent expenditure committee that contributes to a local candidate file preelection statements in connection with the local election?*

A: No. State major donor/independent expenditure committees do not file preelection reports regardless of their activity at the local level.

*Q: Must a state major donor/independent expenditure committee that makes a late contribution or a late independent expenditure in connection with a city election file a late contribution report with the city filing officer?*

A: The late contribution report is filed in the same locations that the major donor/independent expenditure committee files its regular campaign statements. Late independent expenditure reports are filed in the local jurisdiction and the major donor/independent expenditure committee's county of domicile.

*Q: Must a Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report (Form 465) be filed if an independent expenditure supports or opposes multiple candidates?*

A: Yes, but only if \$1,000 or more was expended to support or oppose each candidate in the independent expenditure. A separate Form 465 must be filed for each candidate supported or opposed.

*Q: Last year, a business entity contributed to candidates running in a city election and filed reports as a city major donor. This year, the business entity is donating to state candidates. Where are the major donor statements filed this year?*

*A: A major donor committee automatically terminates at the end of each calendar year. A prior year's filing requirement does not affect the current year's filing requirement. A major donor making contributions to state candidates files with the Secretary of State, City and County of San Francisco, County of Los Angeles, and the major donor's county of domicile.*

*Q: During the first six months of the year, an individual made contributions in connection with a city election and filed major donor reports in the city. During the second six months, the individual made contributions to candidates for elective state office. Where are the individual's major donor statements filed for the last half of the year?*

*A: For the last half of the year, the major donor will file a semi-annual report with the Secretary of State, City and County of San Francisco, County of Los Angeles, and the individual's county of domicile. Because she filed with the city for the first half of the year, she must also file copies of her second semi-annual report with the city.*